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MAYOR

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The Honorable Vincent C. Gray, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Gray:

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, I submit to you the District of Columbia Fiscal Year 2010 Budget and Financial Plan, entitled "Meeting the Challenge."

The national recession has affected families, businesses and governments in the District, and across the country. The District is performing well relative to many jurisdictions, but we must make some tough choices to prepare for the future and to secure the District's fiscal sustainability.

The proposed revisions to the FY 2010 budget passed by the Council on May 12, 2009, keep the budget balanced by identifying targeted savings, eliminating unnecessary positions, reducing contract costs, and maximizing the use of existing revenues. In meeting the challenge, we have retained full funding for public schools, maintained city services and protected critical public safety initiatives. The District government must continue to improve delivery of services.

I look forward to working with you and the Council in serving every resident across the District.

Sincerely,

Adrian M. Fenty